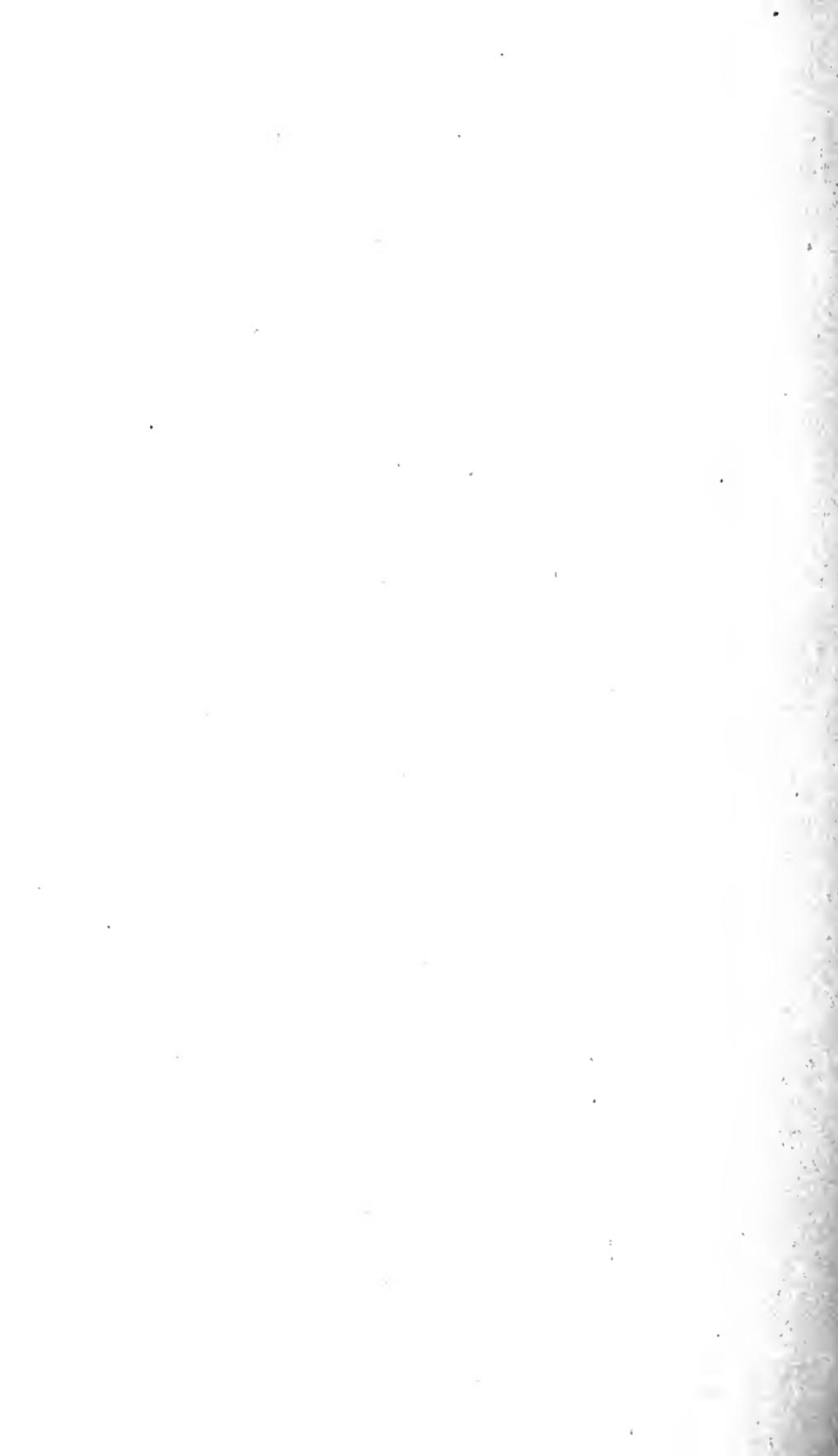


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Report of Town Treasurer.

DR.	Cash Received.
To balance in Treasury, March 1, 1883,	\$1,394 13
Taxes Assessed,	8,263 51
Insurance Tax,	3 75
Railroad Tax,	360 46
Savings Bank Tax,	2,428 02
Literary Fund,	117 81
Interest on Lawrence Fund,	70 00
Rent of Town Hall,	111 50
Lots sold in Cemetery,	18 00
Liquor Fixtures sold,	9 00
Mont Vernon School Tax,	20 76
Plank sold,	1 00
Received for Road Machine Building,	3 00
Interest on Taxes for 1883,	18 33
Received or J. A. Skinner,	1 50
Bounty on Foxes, Hawks and Crows,	49 80
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CR. By cash paid out.

State Tax,	\$1,844 00
County Tax,	1,406 73
Town Officers,	769 03
Miscellaneous,	1,985 75
Snow Bills,	213 25
Roads and Bridges,	1,321 78
Principal and Interest,	924 04
Schools,	2,408 57
Fire Department,	183 98
Paupers off the Farm,	22 00
In hands of Collector for 1883,	75 00
Error in giving credit for Mont Vernon School Money in 1882, not received by Treasurer,	27 68
	----- \$11,181 81
In hands of Treasurer	\$1,710 28

HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES.

Lucius F. Bills,	Labor on Roads, 4 bills	\$484 37
D. W. Trow,	" "	21 00
D. A. Peabody,	" "	38 58
Leander Lovejoy,	" "	7 50
Freeman C. Bills,	" "	16 00
Solomon Prince,	" "	22 75
A. B. Woodward	" "	3 50
Henry A. Fletcher,	" "	5 10
W. L. Cross,	" 2 bills	142 52

W. B. Sargent	Labor on Roads,	\$51 60
John Gould,	" "	7 65
H. W. Keyes,	" " 2 bills	56 97
Alpheus J. Stevens,	"	10 50
Chas. S. Parker,	"	23 50
Samuel B. Webster,	"	5 40
Luther B. Converse,	"	13 56
C. S. White,	"	9 70
Henry J. West,	"	6 00
Frank C. Green,	"	8 96
D. K. Marvell,	"	1 50
C. H. White	"	1 50
George Small,	"	6 15
A E. Gay, drain tile,	"	8 40
Solomon Prince, railing,		18 00
H. W. Keyes, rails and splitting up,		12 00
L. F. Bills, drawing stone,		10 00
Newton Perham, stone for bridge,		17 40
Frank W. Chase, labor and Stone for bridge,		25 37
A. F. Sawyer, plank for bridge, 2 bills,		51 52
Chester Shipley, work on highway,		11 25
Joseph F. Hanson, "	"	9 00
H. S. Boutelle,	"	5 00
J. B. Upham,	"	11 25
J. U. Prince,	"	34 00
C. A. Prince,	"	2 40
Frank W. Noyes,	"	23 90
P. S. Barrett,	"	9 00
D. E. Fiske,	"	9 12
C. P. Wheeler,	"	7 38
J. P. Trow,	"	8 55
Geo. E. Parker,	"	13 46
C. F. Wright,	"	75
Jas. Cochran,	"	13 95
" "	snowing bridge	6 90

W. L. Cross,	snowing bridge	\$4 25
Frank W. Chase,	labor on highway,	4 25
C. S. White,	" "	6 00
G. E. Farley,	" "	13 00
B. B. Whiting	" "	14 74
Chas. S. Parker,	" "	6 78
Lemuel Fuller,	" "	2 50
Wm. H. Hubbard	" "	17 35
	-----	\$1,321 78

SNOW BILLS.

Otis Whipple,	\$11 40
Henry A. Fletcher, 2 bills	15 25
Lemuel Fuller,	4 00
W. L. Cross,	10 68
Luther B. Converse,	7 72
C. S. White,	5 80
Chas S. Parker,	6 12
John Gould,	3 55
Granville Parker,	7 05
D. W. Trow,	2 72
Solomon Prince,	3 15
D. A. Peabody,	5 85
Chester Shipley,	2 25
Lorenzo Carr,	4 00
Henry M. Parker,	3 45
W. S. Peaslee,	3 45
H. W. Keyes,	2 18
J. B. Upham,	4 38
P. S. Barrett,	6 30

J. A. Skinner,	\$3 00
Frank Noyes,	4 46
J. U. Prince,	3 00
J. A. Batchelder,	6 64
Robert Shamard,	2 25
H. S. Boutelle,	4 20
J. Hanson,	2 40
C. F. Wright,	7 60
Albert Lowe,	2 10
J. P. Trow,	14 10
Jas. Cochran,	26 53
J. E. Fowle, old bill,	5 49
B. B. Whiting,	1 67
C. S. White,	1 50
Frank W. Chase,	2 50
J. F. Bills,	4 00
Wm. H. Hubbard,	12 51

	\$213 25

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

A. A. Rotch, for fire department,	\$123 00
W. W. Sloan, " Yankee Engine Co.	30 00
J. B. Fay, steward Engine Co.,	14 98
" " fire wards and keeping snow from reservoir,	6 00
Joel F. Osgood, Jr., fire wards	5 00
E. R. Burtt, " "	5 00

	\$183 98

PRINCIPAL AND INTEREST.

Ellen F. McAlvin, interest,	\$26 00
Abel T. Rideout, principal and interest,	343 96
Geo. W. Bosworth	“ 6 25
Mary F. Hardy,	“ 10 00
Mary R. Fletcher, “	537 83
	—————
	\$924 04

SCHOOLS

Geo. W. Bosworth, Treas. of Board of Education, town appropriation for schools,	\$2,200 00
Geo. W. Bosworth, Treas. Literary Fund, “ “ “ Int. on Law-	117 81
rence Fund,	70 00
Geo. W. Bosworth, Treas. Mont Vernon school tax,	20 76
	—————
	\$2,408 57

TOWN OFFICERS.

Joseph P. Trow, selectman,	\$150 00	j
John H. Coggin, “	100 00	
Joel H. Fisher, “	105 00	
J. O. Pulsifer, Treasurer,	50 00	
A. A. Rotch, Town Clerk,	58 00	
Clarence L. Trow, Collector,	75 00	
F. W. Mace, Moderator,	5 00	

J. G. Davis, services on Board of Education,	\$59 60
Geo. W. Bosworth, "	89 93
Joseph P. Trow, Overseers of the Poor,	20 00
John H. Coggin, "	9 50
Joel H. Fisher, "	14 00
Geo. F. Hanson, Police,	5 00
Estate of E. R. Burtt, services on Board of Education,	22 00
James F. Weston, Auditor,	3 00
Chas. S. Parker, "	3 00

	\$769 03

PAUPERS OFF THE FARM.

Aid to Luke Gilson,	\$22 00

	\$22 00

MISCELLANEOUS.

H. W. Keyes, work on Chestnut Hill Cemetery.	\$ 47 26
John O'Brien, land and reservoir.	63 00
Chas. M. Walker, painting guide boards,	2 00
J. U. Prince, work and money paid on cloak room, (2 bills,)	231 95
P. McKean, for Library,	100 00
J. B. Fay, for Decoration Day,	50 00
Daniel F. Secomb, publication History of Amherst,	500 00
A. S. Wilkins, wood,	13 50
I. B. Dodge, wood,	3 25
Heirs of B. B. David, water bill,	17 00

Heirs of S. B. Melendy, water bill,	\$ 18 00
S. H. Gilson, repairs on water trough,	3 50
C. R. Morrison, legal advice,	12 00
Robert Atkinson, cutting grass on common,	3 20
M. V. B. Greene, tax book,	2 00
James and John Doyle, watching fire on acre, Feb. 10, 1884,	4 50
John A. Bullard, funeral expenses of Mrs. Swinington,	15 00
Chester Shipley, labor on water trough and stone for same,	11 25
Henry M. Parker, grave yard gate on Chest- nut Hills,	2 25
Henry M. Parker, repairing clock and water- ing trough,	3 15
Henry M. Parker, boxing up watering trough,	11 79
Henry M. Praker, care of town clock,	15 00
“ “ “ repairing settees and cleaning town hall,	14 20
Henry M. Parker, damage by lightning in town hall,	2 35
Henry M. Parker, care of town hall,	47 25
“ “ “ care of Library room,	5 00
“ “ “ oil, glass and chimneys,	11 69
J. P. Trow, board of Peabody child,	16 00
B. F. Foster, coffin for Mrs. Swinington,	10 50
J. H. Fisher, bounty on crows,	11 10
“ “ “ “ wood chucks,	1 40
J. B. Fay, pipe at water trough, repairing pump &c., at town house,	15 89
John Carlton, repairing town clock,	1 00
J. O. Pulsifer, expenses to Concord, Manches- ter and Nashua,	17 00
P. N. Frost, repairing hose wheel,	1 75
“ “ “ “ road machine,	1 25

E. Shennessey, repairing road machine,	\$ 2 50
J. F. Osgood, Jr., " " "	7 30
" " " irons for watering trough,	75
C. A. Prince, watering trough,	5 40
D. E. Fiske, " "	3 00
H. S. Boutell, " "	3 00
J. H. Coggin, " "	1 50
Frank Hartshorn, " "	3 00
J. P. Trow, " "	1 50
Boylston & Rotch, printing, advertising, etc.,	70 50
A. A. Rotch, for physician's returns of births and deaths, etc.,	23 45
E. G. Richardson, tuning piano,	3 00
J. H. Coggin, posts and recording deed,	1 37
E. M. Holt, work on cemetery, " " " digging graves,	2 00 4 00
F. K. Bontelle, services as undertaker,	78 65
Copying, stationery and postage,	16 00
M. W. Putnam, watering place,	3 00
A. M. Philbrick, " "	3 00
J. A. Ober, " "	3 00
J. A. Boutelle, " "	1 50
S. H. Hill, " "	3 00
Abatements for 1882,	56 09
" " 1883,	147 95
B. F. Foster, coffin and robe for Mr. Bissell,	13 00
Discount on taxes,	242 31
	———— \$1,985 75

THE TOWN'S STANDING.

Amount of Notes against Town,	\$1,045 00
In Treasurer's hands,	\$1,710 28
In Collector's hands,	75 00
	————— \$1,785 28

Leaving, after paying all debt against the Town, \$740 28 in Treasury.

Due from the County, \$16 00

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JEREMIAH O. PULSIFER, Treasurer.

AMHERST, N. H., March 3rd, 1884.

We certify that we have examined and audited the foregoing accounts of the Town Treasurer of the town of Amherst for the present year, and find them correctly cast and properly vouched.

CHAS. S. PARKER, }
JAMES F. WESTON, } Auditors.

REPORT OF THE OVERSEERS OF THE POOR,

FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 1st, 1884.

EXPENDITURES.

S. B. Lewis and wife, sevices,	\$240 00
C. W. Richardson, "	212 50
Henry Long, "	30 00
Joseph O'Brien, "	12 00
J. F. Osgood, Jr., 1 eye bolt,	25
Foster Bros., meat,	13 65
Bartlett & Dodge groceries,	5 35
E. S. Russell, liniment,	1 75
D. Whiting & Sons, grain,	16 78
E. Aiken, telephoning the death of L. Bissell,	35
O. N. Willoby, carrying milk,	55 16
" " rye, &c.,	10 15
C. L. Trow, groceries, grain and flour,	506 40
D. S. Burnham, grass seed, barbed wire,	
Drugs, &c.,	52 84
F. E. Willoby, labor,	2 00
Ira Chase, fish and crackers,	17 04

H. C. Dodge, groceries and hardware,	\$14 07
A. McIntire, collars and collar pads,	4 30
G. A. Powers, tin ware,	2 50
G. E. Batchelder, help in house,	6 00
A. M. Philbrick, maple sugar,	3 63
H. H. Barber, dry goods,	5 40
H. P. Lewis, paper hanging and butter	2 28
N. K. Holt, lantern and curtains,	1 50
Geo. K. Walker, meat,	19 01
J. H. Fisher, use bull,	2 00
“ “ pasturing cattle,	18 20
W. D. Forsaith, plaster,	1 10
John Scully, labor,	5 25
C. E. Kendall, grain and groceries,	140 18
E. Shannessey, for repairs.	4 50
C. H. Spalding, horse shoeing and Job work,	15 20
Geo. R. Hartshorn, butter,	54 48
J. E. Webster, cleaning clock,	1 15
E. Willoby, for labor and eggs,	1 65
S. H. Dunbar, meat,	2 77
C. J. Walton, repair of glasses,	50
J. A. Wheeler, crockery,	4 99
Joseph O'Brien, labor,	4 00
George Coney, earthen pan.	25
A. E. Wheeler, fish,	15 02
Geo. W. Osgood, meat,	1 41
N. Perham, for stone sill,	4 00
J. A. Ober, clothes for D. W. Cram,	7 20
B. M. Hutchinson, house work,	4 00
H. F. Long, for peppers,	25
Jane Gardner, house work,	14 00
D. F. Buttrick, fork	30
Jacob Putnam, two cows,	110 00
H. Wood, one cow,	42 00
H. P. Wood, one cow,	45 00
B. B. Whiting, use of tedder	2 00

A. C. Barrett, two shirts,	\$2 25
E. Clark, four pigs,	15 00
G. F. Rounds, steam cooker,	5 20
J. H. Coggin, use of boar,	1 00
J. A. Batchelder, use of boar,	2 00
Dr. Mills, professional services,	11 25
Frank Willoby, butchering,	1 00
Calvin Merrill, grain,	16 80
L. Wright, one bull,	28 00
Dr. Gibson, tube,	50
D. W. Sargent, apples,	1 00
C. Cross, sawing and grinding,	34 69
Henry Gilson, dressing lumber,	2 50
J. F. Boynton, tin ware,	6 67
J. M. Jackson, butchering,	1 00
S. C. Damon, Grinding,	4 86
R. A. Peacock, repairs on harnesses,	3 07
J. F. Osgood, blacksmithing,	5 75
E. G. Clark, difference in account,	3 47
L. Pearson, filing saw,	20
G. B. Giles, repairing wagon,	1 00
J. B. Fay, repairing pump &c.,	1 65
E. G. Holt, pound of tea,	50
Chas. Wright, use of bull,	10
J. A. Boutelle, use spreader,	3 50
Frank Chase, use bull,	2 00
H. M. Parker, filing saws, &c.,	1 63
J. P. Nourse, grinding,	84
Balance paid into treasurer,	5 85
	———— \$1,900 52

RECEIPTS

AT TOWN FARM FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 1, 1884.

Milk sold, 5,519 cans,	\$1,427 99
Pork sold,	66 35
Hay sold,	24 00
Calves and Skins,	12 09
Beet sold,	149 45
Pigs sold,	84 75
Work with team,	57 69
Poultry and eggs,	34 06
Potatoes and Beets,	7 70
Milford Granite Co. for stone,	12 12
Beans,	2 75
Keeping peddlers,	4 75
Use of Bull,	5 00
Miscellaneous,	11 82
	———— \$1,900 52

One month's milk bill due.

J. P. TROW, } Overseers
 J. H. COGGIN, } of
 J. H. FISHER, } Poor.

AMHERST, N. H., March 3rd 1884.

We certify that we have examined the foregoing account and find it correctly cast and properly vouched.

CHARLES S. PARKER, } Auditor.
 JAMES F. WESTON, }

Inventory of Personal Property at
TOWN FARM.

24 tons English hay	\$456 00
12 tons stock hay,	120 00
Corn Fodder,	12 00
Meal	8 60
1 1-2 bushels beans,	3 75
Seed corn,	1 50
2 horses,	280 00
17 cows,	760 00
Young stock,	40 00
3 hogs,	35 00
27 hens	20 00
Mowing Machine,	60 00
Lumber wagon,	12 00
Farm wagon,	48 00
2 carts,	76 00
1 stone body,	3 00
4 plows,	12 00
1 plow,	10 00
1 harrow,	2 00
1 corn planter,	1 50
Wagon jack,	1 00
Horse rake,	23 00
Horse hoe,	2 00

Roller,	\$13 00
Traverse runner sled,	23 00
Sled shoe patterns,	50
Slide yoke,	3 00
2 horse yokes,	1 75
6 whiffle-trees,	6 00
Axle grease and lard,	60
Evener,	1 00
Wheel-barrow and hand-sled,	5 00
Randall harrow,	23 00
2 scythes and snaths,	3 00
6 chains,	7 00
Truck feed-box,	2 00
Horse fork and ropes,	3 00
Hay cutter,	3 00
Corn sheller,	1 00
2 hand rakes and 1 drag rake	1 00
5 pitch forks,	2 50
4 shovels,	2 50
1 iron bar,	1 25
1 spade,	80
1 post axe,	75
4 hoes and 2 potato diggers.	2 50
5 axes,	3 25
2 wood saws,	2 50
2 cant hooks,	1 25
2 paris green shakers,	50
3 manure forks,	2 00
Hog hook and scalding tub,	1 00
Hinges,	70
1 pair double harnesses,	25 00
2 single harnesses,	22 00
1 sleigh,	3 00
1 light wagon,	37 00
1 whip,	1 00
Wolf robe and blankets,	9 00

Fan mill,	\$6 00
8 flour barrels,	1 60
1 cart spire,	1 00
3 halters,	1 75
Tallow,	1 60
Set dry measures.	74
4 baskets,	1 00
Hook and ladders,	7 50
2 vinegar barrels and vinegar,	2 50
Soap grease,	1 50
2 pole martingals,	2 50
2 collar pads,	1 00
2 1-2 bushels herdsgrass seed,	5 62
2 " redtop "	1 50
1 bit-brace and bit,	65
1 steam cooker,	5 00
Salt fish,	55
5 pounds butter,	1 40
Bog shoes.	3 00
23 thousand shingles,	69 00
Hungarian seed,	60
Knife and tube,	75
Corn cutter,	1 00
Root cutter,	1 00
Grindstone,	4 00
Hand saw,	1 25
Beetle, wedges and saw set,	1 50
3 hammers, screw drivers and nippers,	2 00
5 stoves,	30 00
Brass kettle,	2 50
4 iron pots,	3 00
3 tea kettles,	2 00
Frying pan and kettles,	1 50
Apple parer,	50
Tin and cooking ware,	12 00
Crockery ware and spoonholder,	13 00

Spoons, knives and forks,	\$16 00
15 tumblers, 2 salters	1 50
2-5 barrel flour,	3 00
15 pounds lard,	1 95
Soap,	40
Groceries,	3 00
38 bushels potatoes,	17 10
1 cider barrel,	1 00
Pickles	50
85 pounds corn beef,	6 80
160 " salt pork,	19 20
Bags and salt,	1 50
30 bushels beets,	9 00
8 " carrots,	2 80
1-2 " rye	45
5 lamps and 3 lanterns,	3 50
2 oil cans,	50
1 " tank,	1 50
Oil	60
2 jugs,	80
28 fruit cans,	2 75
3 pitchers,	1 25
Stone and earthern ware,	2 00
Lounge,	4 50
Wash bowl and pitcher.	1 25
23 napkins,	50
24 chairs,	10 00
6 cane chairs,	3 00
3 rocking chairs,	2 00
4 tables,	9 00
5 light stands,	1 50
3 flat irons,	1 00
1 soap barrel,	75
1 teapoy,	90
6 bedsteads,	9 00

2 wash tubs,	\$2 50
Wash board and bench,	1 50
Clothes horse,	1 50
3 wooden pails,	50
5 case of drawers,	3 00
Clothes line and pins,	1 00
Wringer,	4 00
Clothes basket,	1 00
1 copper boiler,	8 00
2 clocks,	5 00
4 mirrors,	2 50
2 coffee boxes,	50
2 trays and 4 meat barrels,	4 50
2 kegs,	1 50
1 bucket,	50
1 meal chest,	1 50
2 cheese safes,	3 00
Matches,	35
Thermometer,	50
Garden Rake,	50
18 towels,	3 00
3 table covers,	3 00
9 straw ticks,	3 00
10 feather beds,	45 00
20 pillows,	5 00
1 bolster,	1 09
34 pillow slips,	3 00
17 quilts and comforters,	17 00
20 cotton sheets,	4 50
8 woolen blankets,	3 00
1 rubber urinal,	5 00
20 cords wood,	45 00
Lumber,	10 00
Meat bench,	1 00

Window curtains,	\$2 00
Bibles and other books,	3 00
 Total,	 \$2,731 27

Number of paupers at Farm, 2.

J. P. TROW,
J. H. COGGIN,
J. H. FISHER, } Overseers
of
Poor.

Report of Trustees of Town Library.

As the Town at the last Annual meeting voted, that the Selectmen fill the vacancies in the Board of Trustees, the following persons were appointed and qualified; Mr. John Haseltine and Miss Eliza J. Stearns for the period of three years, term of service expires March 1, 1886. Miss P. E. Mckean and James R. Stearns for the term ending March 1, 1884. Two person should be chosen this year to serve the full term of three years.

Under the direction of the Board the Library has been accessible to all our citizens with satisfactory results. The whole number of books loaned was 1968; number of families drawing books, 120; average per week, 38; showing a substantial advance upon the circulation of last year, both in the number of books, and in the number of readers. Sixty loaned volumes have been added to the Library by purchase, at an expense of \$68.92, and three volumes have been presented as gifts, viz :

Noblesse Oblige. By Mrs. R. A. Spalding.

History of Amherst, By Daniel F. Secomb, Esq.

A Christian Home. How to Make and How to Maintain it. Dr. John Hall.

By J. G. Davis.

We have also to acknowledge the sum of two dollars, contributed to our funds by a friend.

The books purchased during the year have cost more in the average than heretofore. The volumes have in several instances been larger and of more permanent value, embracing such books as The Middle Kingdom; Letters of Emerson and Carlyle; Lives of Bryant, Luther and John A. Dix. Most of them copyright publications. It is very desirable to have a large proportion

of these standard volumes, and it would aid us in the effort to enrich our shelves, if the friends of good literature would oftener remember us with their benefactions. There are many books purchased by our citizens, which have a temporary interest, they belong to the reading of the day, but are not wanted for future reference. If they are worthy of wider circulation, please present them to the Library. They will save us money, and confer a favor on the community, and prepare the way for larger gifts.

There is another want to which we call attention, viz., a good Catalogue. A Library without a catalogue is like a package of goods without an invoice. There may be great variety and value in the contents, but what damage, pains and perplexity attends the selection of articles. The usefulness of the Library would be largely increased by publishing a simple "finding catalogue." The expense would not be great, and should the Town consent to make an appropriation for the purpose, the money might return to the Treasury of the Library, as the copies were sold.

Let the matter be well understood and there will be no diversity of opinion, as to the wisdom of such an appropriation.

We subjoin a summary from the report of the Treasurer, Miss P. E. McKean.

CR.	By balance in treasury,	\$ 4 98
	" cash from the town,	100 00
	" " for loan of books,	1 91
	" " gift of a friend,	2 00
		_____ \$108 89
DR.	To books purchased, bills on file,	\$68 92
	" Harper's Mag. & Granite Monthly,	4 95
	" Services of Librarian,	25 00
	" Postage, express and repair of books,	1 24
	Balance on hand,	8 78
		_____ \$108 89

The small balance in the Treasury will be needed to pay bills for binding books not yet rendered.

